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PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

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Honorable Commissioner:

Applicant hereby requests a one month extension of time for response to the Office Action herein dated August 25, 2005. The grant of this *Petition* will extend the time for response from November 25, 2005 to December 25, 2005.

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